



A PLACE *for*  
LEGACY

REMEMBERING  
GLOUCESTER  
CATHEDRAL  
IN YOUR WILL

# Help to build on *the successes of today* and meet the *needs of tomorrow*

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**Representing 1,300 years of Christian Faith and heritage, Gloucester Cathedral continues to inspire through its mission, work, music, and beauty**

As a 21st century Cathedral, our aim is to ensure this special place remains in the best possible condition for future generations, benefiting all who worship and visit here. As a charity that receives no government funding, we rely solely on donations and legacy gifts from generous people to continue our expansive work.

Every legacy we receive, however large or small, makes a valuable contribution and lasting difference. A gift in your will is a wonderful way to help:

- secure the future of one of Europe's most extraordinary buildings
- continue the Cathedral's Christian mission at the heart of the community
- ensure our world-class training in heritage, conservation, and music endures
- give something back to a special place that is important to you and leave a long-lasting legacy to impact the local community

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

Leaving a gift in your will can positively impact your Cathedral in numerous ways. You can choose to leave an unrestricted gift or direct your legacy towards a specific area of our work that aligns with your interests and passions.

Below, and in the pages that follow, we have highlighted all areas in need of funding and examples of what your legacy to Gloucester Cathedral can achieve.

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A PLACE *for making a*  
DIFFERENCE *and* INSPIRING  
*future generations*



# A Lasting Gift

**How a legacy from a lady whose love of Gloucester Cathedral enabled us to establish our award-winning education centre.**

In 1998 Mrs Nigella Greening left a generous gift to support education at the Cathedral in her will. At the time there were no adequate facilities for groups of children to use, and little provision for them to get the most out of their experience here. Mrs Greening's wonderful gesture helped to kick-start an ambitious project tackling this problem by creating a new education space and developing engaging learning programmes for local schools.

Today, our education department continues to go from strength to strength with over 7,000 children now taking part in inspiring activities each year. It is a wonderful example of just how much impact a legacy can have. We are forever grateful to Mrs Greening for this gift and for all it continues to achieve for children today.

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*Permission has been granted by those close to Mrs Greening for this case study to be shared with a wider audience.*

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*'I loved that school trip to the Cathedral. I enjoyed it so much, but I'm sorry it was all over in 3 hours.'*

Pupil from Hardwick Parochial Primary School

# Music

*Support a journey of first-class musical education and lifelong learning*

Help to sustain a 500-year-old choral tradition and enable talented young musicians to reach their potential.

- Support our Cathedral choirs
  - Junior Choir – Ages six to 10
  - Middle Choir – Ages 11 to 14
  - Youth Choir – Ages 14 to 18
  - Cathedral Choir – Consisting nearly 40 boy and girl choristers supported by our lay clerks
- Help provide exceptional scholarships for present and future generations of talented choristers
- Champion our music department's continually expanding Community Engagement and Outreach work for the benefit of the wider community
- Maintain our historic organ and train future organists

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*“I owe everything I now have, I do, and my future to Gloucester Cathedral Choir. And most importantly: Any girl or boy who shows potential and is willing to have a go, can do it!”*

Former chorister Jamie Conway BA, ARCO, PGCE




# Fabric & Stonemasons

*Our Cathedral displays some of the most significant medieval architecture in the world*

Your legacy can play an essential part in the conservation and restoration of this medieval jewel for future generations and preserving the stonemasons' craftsmanship for all the country's heritage.

- Enable special projects to repair, conserve and restore the Cathedral which includes:
  - Our world-famous cloister, famed for its remarkable fan-vaulting
  - Stunningly crafted gargoyles and pinnacles
  - The birthplace of perpendicular architecture
  - Historic chapels and monuments including the tomb of King Edward II
- Protect the centuries-long tradition of craftsmanship in the Workshop of St Peter, where our talented stonemasons provide world-class training in heritage, conservation and maintenance to apprentices.

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A photograph showing four stonemasons working on a large stone block. They are wearing yellow hard hats and safety glasses. The mason in the foreground is wearing a blue shirt and is reaching out to touch the stone. The other three masons are in the background, also working on the stone. The scene is outdoors, with a clear blue sky and some construction equipment visible in the background.

*‘With Cathedrals there is a standard of excellence and precision with stonemasonry. Here we are given the opportunity to really hone our craft and work under some incredibly knowledgeable masons.’*

Liam Winship, Apprentice Stonemason

# Learning &

## Education

Gloucester Cathedral is an exciting and stimulating place to visit for students of all ages. Help our Education Team to bring learning to life, providing fun and informative experiences for the 7,000 plus children who walk through our doors every year. Support:

- A wide variety of tours, experiences and trails, all of which link to the National Curriculum
- Holiday activities for thousands of young visitors
- School staff inset days and sixth form conferences
- The maintenance of, and provisions for, our award-winning centre

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*‘Wonderfully interesting for the children.  
What a treat! Bless you for your time and kindness.’*

Cathedral Visitor





# Participation

## Community, Social Responsibility and Environment

Enriching the lives of our community is core to our values. A legacy towards our learning and participation would support our dynamic projects and allow wider opportunities for participation. Projects which:

- Promote mental health and wellbeing
- Support people who are vulnerable and experiencing homelessness
- Provide activities for young people – photography, theatre groups, crafts, and more

We are working towards being Gloucester's Green Cathedral and aim to reach net zero by 2030. Our community's and planet's future is at the heart of all we do.

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*“It was so good for my spirit to take time out of busyness to be still with God and the Holy Spirit. Thank you”*

Cathedral Visitor



*A PLACE for living in  
tune with HEAVEN and in  
touch with DAILY LIFE*



# *Unrestricted* Legacies

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**It is impossible to predict what challenges lie ahead. Unrestricted legacies can be directed towards the area of most urgent need at the time they are received, responding to the immediate needs of your Cathedral and community.**

Unrestricted funding can have a substantial impact on a range of activities. This includes all areas highlighted in this leaflet but also other parts of the Cathedral daily life, such as:

- Representing 1,300 years of Christian faith, Gloucester Cathedral remains a central place of worship for thousands each year. Your support can help fund costs such as vestments, altar cloths, provision of flowers and our dedicated clergy salaries
- Investment in technology to continue bringing worship to a wider audience through live streaming and future digital methods
- Almost 400,000 visitors flock to the Cathedral each year to experience worship, heritage, and culture through world-class exhibitions. The running costs to keep the lights on, the building warm, and to staff all areas of the Cathedral during services, daily visits and events is substantial and relies on donations
- We could not exist without every member of the talented and invested staff team. They play a critical role in looking after the needs of all our community, spreading news to the widest audience, attracting frequent and new visitors, and protecting and caring for this medieval jewel for future generations. Without government funding, we rely solely on generous individuals to protect their future too.



*‘The Friends give a huge amount of support to many different areas of Cathedral life every year – we would be lost without them.’*

The Dean of Gloucester

Friends of  
GLOUCESTER  
CATHEDRAL

# Gloucester Cathedral's *best friend* and *principal partner*

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**Give continuous support to a wide variety of projects through a legacy to the Friends.**

Annual grants to the Cathedral are made from the Friends of Gloucester Cathedral, a separate charity set up wholly to support the Cathedral. Grants are awarded by the Friends' Council to assist with various projects.

Legacies can be given to the Friends for the general needs of the Cathedral to be granted at the discretion of the Friends' Council, or for a restricted purpose, for example: -

1. To conserve and maintain the fabric
2. To support the Cathedral music
3. To support the work of the stonemasons

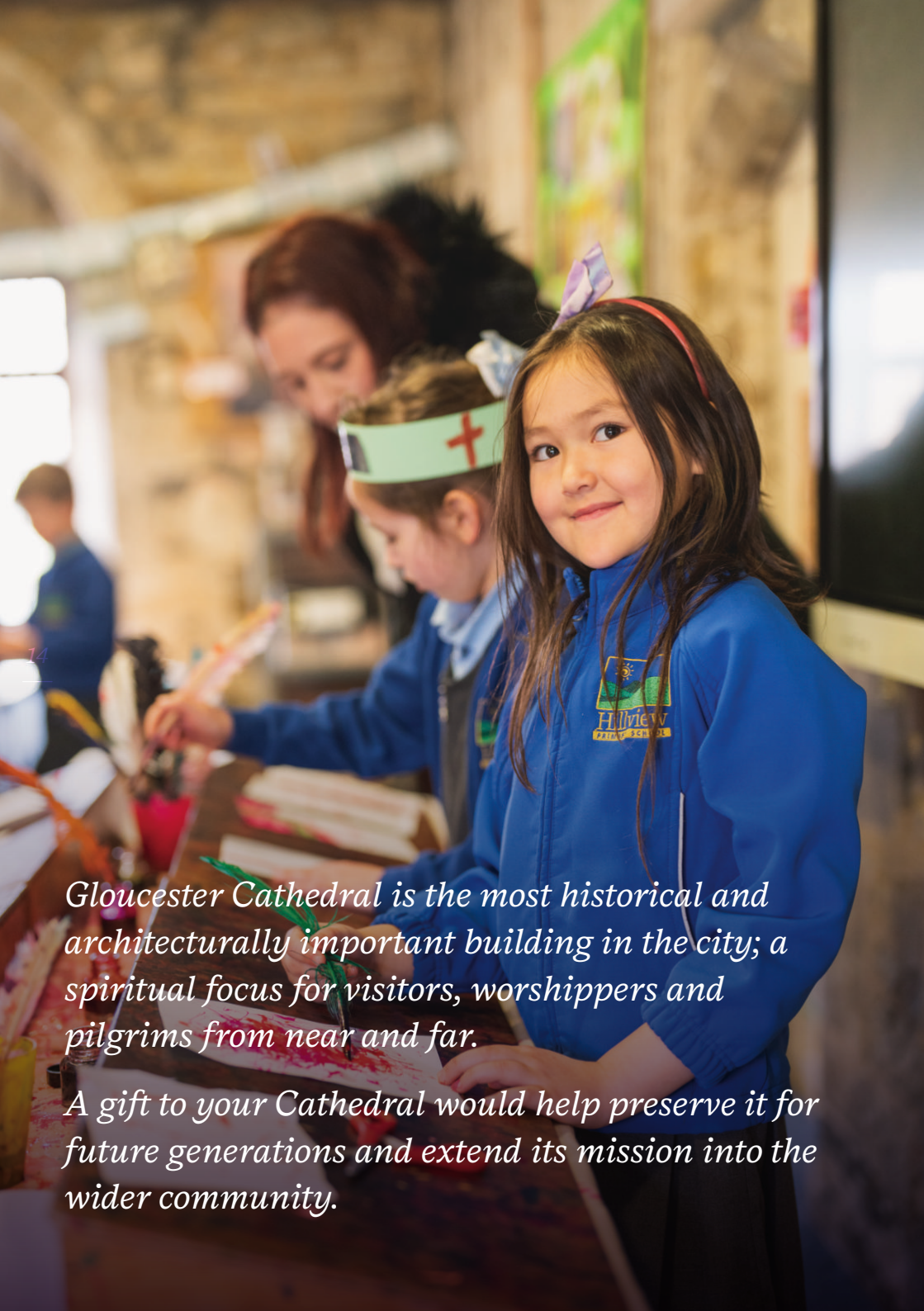
The support of the Friends is essential to ensure that almost 1,000 years of heritage and music are maintained for future generations. Legacies are a very valuable part of the income received by the Friends.

Please contact the Friends' office for more information or assistance with the wording of a bequest.

**Telephone: 01452 522419**

**Email: [office.administrator@fogc.co.uk](mailto:office.administrator@fogc.co.uk)**





*Gloucester Cathedral is the most historical and architecturally important building in the city; a spiritual focus for visitors, worshippers and pilgrims from near and far.*

*A gift to your Cathedral would help preserve it for future generations and extend its mission into the wider community.*



# Leaving *a gift to* Your Cathedral

Your will is a sensitive matter and is best discussed with a solicitor. However, if you have already made, or are looking to make a bequest (immediate or endowed) and would like to discuss it or seek advice on what to do next, please contact the Development Office. Contact details can be found on the back cover.

**Your query will be treated in complete confidence  
and with no obligation.**

**Thank you**

It is worth noting that leaving a charitable gift in your will is an astute means of tax planning for you and your family. In 2022 the Inheritance Tax (IHT) threshold is 40%. If your estate is over a certain threshold, £0.40 of every £1 could potentially be 'lost' in tax. However, a legacy to a charity is automatically free of IHT. This could take the form of money, shares, a work of art, land or simply what remains when all gifts have been made. If you leave 10% or more of your net estate, then IHT overall is reduced to 36%. This means family will pay a substantially smaller tax liability.

**Disclaimer:** Gloucester Cathedral is unable to provide tax advice and the above has been included for information only. Please contact a solicitor or financial advisor for guidance.

# GET IN *touch*

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*You can also write to us at the address below.*

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by Act of Parliament

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[www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

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